

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
July 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on July 10, 2012, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Billy Dunn, Maintenance
Alan Shepherd, Edko, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. A motion was made by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Doris Rogé, to supplement the Agenda by adding an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to the replacement of Robert Vercher as Foreman. The Motion to supplement the Agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes of the June, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones to approve the June, 2012 minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

The June, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to approve the financial statement for June, 2012. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. He advised that the crew was still cutting grass. He further indicated that during the past couple of weeks there had been quite a bit of rain, and on those days when it was too wet to cut they were checking and repairing flood gates. Karlton Methvin inquired about the status of the new bush hog, and Dunn advised that it was supposed to be in the next week.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. He advised that he had received a letter of no objection relative to the permit application by Atlas Energy to cross the levee going to the Natchitoches Port. He also indicated that he had not heard from the Corps of Engineers regarding realignment of the levee section at Campti. He will contact the Corps and hopefully they will be able to adjust the National Levee Data Base so that the Corps will recognize the high bank where the levee is missing and agree that there is no need for new levee in this area.

Mr. Sticker asked Ronald Corkern to follow up with Facility & Planning on our request for additional monies to repair the Marco Flood Gates. Corkern agreed to do so and stated that he would report back at the following meeting.

There was additional discussion among the Board Members and Mr. Sticker regarding the ditches in East Natchitoches. The City had requested assistance in cleaning the drainage ditches in East Natchitoches. The ditches had previously been looked at by the employees of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District along with Mr. Michael Braxton, Director of Public Works for the City of Natchitoches. The Board asked Mr. Sticker to inspect the ditches at his convenience and determine if there was any way to reroute drainage to Cane River or increase the flow of water east away from the City and eventually into Red River. Mr. Sticker advised that he would inspect the ditches and report back to the Board.

Alan Shepherd reported on the spraying that had been accomplished and what still needed to be done. There was further discussion among Board Members regarding the need for spraying and the type of spraying that should be done.

In other business, Ronald Corkern reported on the health insurance premiums paid by the District on behalf of Sherman Carter and Mildred Harvey. Corkern advised that the insurance premium on behalf of Mrs. Harvey in the amount of \$438.82 would be discontinued. He further advised that the insurance premium for Sherman Carter was high because of his age, but it was being calculated correctly.

Corkern also advised that he had not received a response from Mr. Lloyd Morreau to his letter requesting additional information. Corkern advised that he would follow up with Mr. Morreau during the next week.

The Board then reviewed the 2012-2013 budget. Following discussion a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, to adopt the budget as presented. This Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was then made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to go into Executive Session. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to regular Session. A Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to appoint Karlton Methvin, Mark Swafford, and Adolph Sklar, Jr. to interview the two current employees of the Levee Board who had applied for the Foreman position and report back to the Board at the next meeting. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Doris Rogé to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 14th day of August, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary